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## **DETAILED ACTION**

### **EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT**

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Crawford on 2/8/07.

The application has been amended as follows:

- Claim 11, line 3, after the word "trough" add the words "extending from said upper side"
- Claim 11, line 5, after the word "trough" and before the word "arrananged" add "extending from said upper side and".
- Claim 68, line 6, after the word "trough" add "in said upper side and".

### ***Allowable Subject Matter***

Claims 11-71 are allowed.

Regarding independent claims 11 and 68, the closest prior art to the instant invention is Ukegawa et al. (USP 6,017,172). UKEGAWA ET AL. teaches a cutting plate comprising an upper side, cutting edge, a first clamping trough (2: located on the top side of the insert) for clamping in a cutting tool arranged coaxially with respect to a

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second clamping trough (2: located on the bottom side of the insert) ('172, figure 1A, 1B). However, UKEGAWA ET AL. fails to anticipate or make obvious both troughs extending from the upper side of the insert.

### **Conclusion**

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Sara Addisu at (571) 272-6082. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30 am - 5 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Monica Carter can be reached on (571) 272-4475. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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